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Los Angeles County is home to a large and active equestrian community who enjoy our hundreds of miles of trails. However, these riders face risks where trails intersect roadways. While most drivers have little knowledge of horse behavior, equestrians understand that these large animals can become frightened near cars and traffic, creating a potentially hazardous situation.

The California Vehicle Code states that the driver of any vehicle approaching any horse drawn vehicle or ridden animal shall reduce speed or stop as requested by the horseback rider to avoid frightening the animal and to insure the safety of both people and animals.

To educate motorists in Los Angeles County about equestrians and the vehicle code to prevent accidents and injuries where automobiles and horses co-exist, the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council's Equestrian Committee, the Chatsworth Equine Cultural Heritage Organization and Equestrian Trails Incorporated Corral 54 join us in hosting the First Annual "Los Angeles County Equestrian Safety Month" during April 2004.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board proclaim the month of April 2004 as “Equestrian Safety Month” throughout the County of Los Angeles to encourage safety and to educate motorists and equestrians about the rules of the road to prevent accidents and injuries where cars and horses cross paths.

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